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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/443,712 for  
METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING  
SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7  
SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP)  
NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)  
Our File No. 1322/8

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copies of two (2) cited references; and
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,732,213 to Gessel et al. discloses a system and method of testing open systems interconnection (OSI) layers in telecommunication networks.

International Patent Publication No. WO/0137532 to Irvin discloses quality-of-service based telephony over the internet via paired voice gateways.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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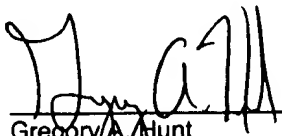
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